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The Outcrop is sending accounts to all who are indebted to us and would respectfully request immediate returns as we are in need of collateral. We hope soon to be in a position to employ more assistance and increase this paper in more ways than one. Subscribers will make note that all unpaid sales will be stopped on April 1st. The amount is small but we need them.

Just at the present time in this is said and written concerning government ownership of railways. Trusts and combines, such as the smelter, oil, etc., also come in for much criticism and hard names.

When the subject is thoroughly investigated, we are inclined to think that it will be found that the men who have united their capital together are in one sense socialists or believers in government ownership. They are men who having a great amount of money start closely the "signs of the times" and, therefore, have taken "the signs" by the forelock and put socialism to work in a small scale on a selfish basis. They saw that the people—the government—should own everything and work all lines of trade and commerce together as one so that there would be no friction or opposition to mar the profits accruing; thus a few of the wealthy combined and started social ownership for their own benefit and protection. Already they have accomplished a great deal in this direction and have proven beyond doubt that unity is strength.

The fact that in the United States a few capitalists have practically combined railways, oil, smelting and many other industries, is evidence enough that the government might have done the same with better results as all classes would have felt the benefits accruing instead of being in the unenviable position of "the pleasure of the trust."

The day is fast approaching when government ownership will be demanded, as the casual observer sees. It will take some time to accomplish but if Canadians would keep the trusts and combines from running the affairs of the Dominion they must devise the means whereby they can control the industries of our country.

Should Jim Hill and his monopolistic associates gain control of the Crow's Nest Coal Fields and C.P.R. the people of this province will suffer the pangs of remorse when these foreigners see fit to close down our smelters and haul our ores across the line to their own smelters.

Government ownership of railways, smelters, refineries, coal and oil lands, in fact everything which goes to make up the important factors of a people, is the only sure way that the masses will derive their share of the wealth of this great country.

Large amounts have been expended in grants to railways for the avowed purpose of opening up the country. Why should not this also be the case with agriculture. At any rate while such means of development are supplied to other sections of the Dominion they cannot consistently be opposed in this province, which will yield larger returns for every dollar thus spent than any other spot on the map that can be singled out. But would not the effective encouragement of agriculturists to take up and cultivate our rich lands do as much to "open up the country" as the expenditure of large amounts of public money on railways? These corporations have been known to snipe the communities which coddled them, and there is no doubt that in many respects the hopes indulged in at the period of construction have not been realized in the act of operation. There need be no misgivings in regard to the result of a policy of encouragement to agriculture. There is a constantly expanding market for such products, and why should we buy so freely from a foreign country when the conditions are so favorable for our supplying our own wants in this province?

In this district the collection of taxes on agricultural lands is in much the same condition as in other parts of the province. There are people who have occupied land for ten years and have only paid the recording fee of \$2. Nothing has been paid for the land to the government and even the taxes are unpaid. The only compliance with the law is the \$2 and remaining on the land. We would point out to these ranchers that they should endeavor to take advantage of the act passed last session which allows them back taxes and if 75 per cent is paid by December 31st, 1901, crown grants will be issued pre-emptors in arrears. For this privilege we have to thank our member, Hon. W. C. Wells.

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A LAUGH IN CHURCH

She sat on the sliding cushion,
The dear, was woman of fear;
Her feet, in their tiny slippers,
Hang dangling over the floor;
She meant to be good, she had promised;
And so, with her big brown eyes,
She stared at the meeting-house windows
And counted the crawling flies.

She looked far up at the preacher,
But she thought of the honey bees
Dancing away from the blossoms
That whitened the cherry-trees;
She thought of a broken basket
Where, curled in a dusty heap,
Three sleek little puppies with fringed ears
Lay snuggled and fast asleep.

So soft, warm bodies to cuddle,
Such queer little hearts to beat,
Such swift, round tongues to kiss,
Such sprawling, cushiony feet!
She could feel in her clapping fingers
The touch of the salty skin,
And a cold, wet nose exploring
The dimples under her chin.

Then a sudden ripple of laughter
Ran over the parted lips,
As quick as she could not catch it
With her rosy finger tips.
The people whispered, "Bless the child!"
As each one waked from a nap,
But the dear, wee woman hid her face
For shame in her mother's lap.

Spoke From a Full Heart

The Illinois Central train was half a
hundred miles from Chicago, headed for
the city, and at a little station an old
farmer came aboard. He was a little,
weathered man, with a sensitive mouth
and a twinkling eye. He had a grey head.
His flitting clothes were evidently his
most unbecoming best. He slid softly
into a seat occupied by a grave stranger,
reading a newspaper. Two or three
times the old man turned his face to the
beacon light landscape. The stranger
was struck with the troubled expression
and glanced wistfully at his companion.
The latter spoke at last with a strange
firmness in his voice.

"I am going to the city for the second
time in my life," he said, half startled
at his own words.

"Yes?"

Thirty years ago July I went there
for a wedding suit and I am going back
now to-day for a coffin and a shroud
for the little woman that married me.

You don't know what it is, mister,
to live and work longside a woman for
thirty years, day in and day out, to find
her always patient and willing and
working, and then leave her dead and
cold, with her worn-out hands crossed
on her breast. It was just a little after
the turn of the night, and I nobody but
me was watching, when Margie kinder
woke up.

"David," says she, "its real bad, so
restful, and I am so tired." And so she
went to sleep and woke up in eternity.
You know, stranger, those things set me
to thinking, and when it was too late I
found out that I had put too much work
into her life and not enough rest and
enjoyment so that she was gial to cross
the great divide, and leave me here
alone to wonder through the balance of
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